GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:551
ANSWERED ON:14.05.2007
ETHANOL PRODUCTION IN SUGAR MILLS
Dhanaraju Dr. K.

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received some proposals from the existing sugar factories to set up co-generation plants for producing electricity and for manufacturing ethanol;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of proposals approved, pending and rejected as on date; and

(d) the reasons for rejection of the proposals in each case?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 551 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 14.05.2007 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A statement indicating the details of the proposals for loans from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) for setting up of projects for cogeneration of power and production of ethanol received from existing sugar factories (who have been allotted `plant code number` by the Government) during the previous year 2006-2007 and current year is attached as Annexure-A.

(c): Receipt of applications for SDF loans for consideration of the Government, through the Standing Committee on SDF, is an on-going process wherein cases are examined and loans sanctioned or rejected throughout the year. Out of the applications received during 2006-2007, position of proposals approved, pending or rejected is as follows:

	Cogeneration	Ethanol
Number of proposals approved	5	-
Number of proposals rejected	3	-
Total number of proposals pending as on date (including previous years)	21	10

(d): No proposal for ethanol projects has been rejected. The reasons for rejections in case of cogeneration projects have been indicated in the statement at Annexure-B.